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EIU SUMMER ENROLLMENT STEADY

CHARLESTON -- Preliminary Summer School enrollment at Eastern Illinois University is 3,468 on-campus students.

Included in the 3,468 total are 118 freshmen; 238 sophomores; 620 juniors; 1,515 seniors; and 977 graduate students. There are 1,987 full-time and 1,481 part-time students. Women outnumber men, 2,090 to 1,378.

Of the total enrollment, 2,834 are continuing students, 26 first-time freshmen, 223 transfer students and 385 former students.

EIU Summer School Director Jeanne Simpson anticipates that enrollment will reach or exceed last year's total since individuals may still register for summer workshops and special courses in July.

Simpson said some students enroll in Summer School to get ahead in their studies or to get that last class they need to graduate. Many of the courses offered fulfill general education requirements for graduation.

Students have the option of enrolling in Eastern's five-week summer

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session -- June 14 through July 17 -- or in the eight-week session -- June 14 through Aug. 4. The four-week session, Intersession, ran May 16 to June 10.

"Some students want to get their coursework out of the way as soon as possible, and Summer School gives them that opportunity. This way they can graduate on time or even a little bit early," Simpson said.

"The university is an especially interesting and pleasant place to be in the summer. Not only is the campus beautiful with its flowers in bloom, but it is less crowded, making it easier to get around," Simpson commented.